



ST DAY & CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Vision and Values

We are the **CHANGE-MAKERS** of OUR WORLD!

ENJOYING, ENGAGING, EXCELLING

Happy, healthy children, **enjoying** learning for life - surrounded by kind, respectful relationships and **engaging** in rich learning experiences. **Together** we will enable and encourage **ALL** our children to discover their unique gifts of character, talents and abilities. Our children will enthusiastically contribute to society, **excelling** in all they choose to do. They will communicate confidently, listen openly, think critically and question respectfully – our children will be the responsible **Change-Makers of Our World**.

LIVING OUR VALUES

ENJOYMENT

Laughing - Loving - Learning

ENGAGEMENT

Communicating - Collaborating - Contributing

EXCELLENCE

Be your best - Be even better - Be brilliant



A message from Ms Storey

It has been a delight welcoming our new children and families into our lovely school this week. Reece and Flo - our oldest Year 6 RRS 'Change-Makers', did a great job of supporting our new children, informing everyone about the UNICEF rights of every child and sharing their words of wisdom - 'You'll love it here so enjoy it, have a blast and the time will fly by!' We are already looking forward to our next Stay and Play session with you all.

We are excited to share the news that our Rights Respecting School members have been busy making videos with Ms Horne this week - in preparation for their conference and presentation to local MPs in the Council Chamber at County Hall next month. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to raise awareness and advocate for change. We will keep you updated on their progress and the projects they are working on. While our children continue to wait to hear from Cornwall Council, I do know that they have received a letter from the Prime Minister regarding their climate concerns. This will be shared with everyone next week in assembly! Well done children - your persistence has paid off!



**Enjoying, Engaging,
Excelling together...**



News from around the school



Exploring Nature: Making Nature Bracelets



This week, a group of children enjoyed a creative outdoor session on the school field, where they made their very own nature bracelets.

Using sticky tape wrapped around their wrists (sticky side out!), the children explored the field and carefully selected natural treasures - leaves, flowers, petals and grass - to decorate their bracelets.

It was a lovely opportunity to slow down, connect with nature and celebrate the beauty of the outdoors. A simple activity that created big smiles and beautiful bracelets!



News from around the school

Back in November our school community - parents, children and staff - took part in a series of brilliant community conversations led by RJ Working.

The purpose of the conversations was to engage the community in discussion about climate and get an idea of how our community feel as well as what they would like to see happen in our area.

This week, we received this brilliant graphic celebrating the conversations and outlining next steps.

We will be displaying it proudly in school as part of our ongoing commitment to the environment - please pop in and take a look!

CONSULTING COMMUNITIES THROUGH YOUTH-LED CLIMATE AWARENESS

IN NOVEMBER 2024,
RJ WORKING WORKED WITH
ST DAY AND CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL
TO ENGAGE THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN CLIMATE DISCUSSION

RJ Working held
2 Community Conversations...

Engaging **49 people**
in the community, including children,
teachers, and parents

80% of parents, teachers and staff felt
more engaged with climate awareness

Let's continue talking about climate
issues and extreme weather as a
community

"I'd like more people to get involved with
community events e.g. litter picks, recycling,
planting more trees and taking part in
preloved fayres."

"I'd like to have more
conversations with my
children about climate
change."

**What people want to see change in
St Day and Carharrack:**

- More **conversations/meetings**
about how to help the local
environment
- **Encouraging** engagement of
parents and children with nature
- More organised **community
events** around sustainability and
care of the environment

Popular next steps...

- 1 **Engaging** and having **conversations**
with other people about climate
change
- 2 **Contact** the school head teacher to
start a communication about what the
school can do to be more
environmental
- 3 Have more community **meetings** like
this to enable more cohesive **action**
in addressing the climate crisis

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Restorative Approaches to Health

News from around the school

We are very lucky that behind the scenes of our school we have a board of governors who work diligently to ensure that everything is running as it should.

They are a group of highly skilled professionals who lend us their knowledge and expertise - ensuring that school runs smoothly and is compliant with all guidelines and statutory requirements.

This week a letter was published from Catherine McKinnell MP, Minister for School Standards and we wanted to share it and echo her sentiment in thanking our governing body for their hard work and commitment.



Department for Education

Catherine McKinnell MP
Minister for School Standards

2 June 2025

Dear Chair,

This Volunteers' Week, it gives me great pleasure to thank you and your board for all that you do for your trusts and school(s).

I have been fortunate to witness the tremendous work being done by governors and trustees first hand. Your role in ensuring strong and effective governance is key to driving up school standards, and contributes to our ambition that every child, whatever their background, can achieve and thrive at school. You willingly give up your time and take on significant responsibilities, on a wholly voluntary basis, for the benefit of the children.

Volunteers' Week is a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the vital contribution that you and the board are making to the achievement of this ambition.

My department is engaging proactively with a range of representative bodies in the sector to seek to make your jobs easier by identifying and sharing the most effective practice. We will spotlight the innovative approaches to minimise workload and enhance the impact you can make to ensure that school and trust governance remains an appealing and fulfilling volunteering experience.

Thank you again for your commitment to public service; it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine McKinnell MP
Minister for School Standards



Letter_of_thanks_...





There is one particular governor we would like to say thank you to this week. **Ann Butcher**.

Ann, who has been trying to retire for a few years, is finally being able to leave as a governor this term! Ann has been a key member of our governing body, witnessing all the changes and growth we have been through - and has supported us at every stage of our school improvement journey up to and beyond our excellent Ofsted earlier this year.

Whether it is attending meetings, carrying out in-school monitoring or being a friendly and welcoming member of our school community she has been a huge asset to our school and we are incredibly grateful for her dedicated service over the years.

Thank you, Ann - we look forward to you still popping in at your leisure to help out!



☀️ Kickstart Your Day at Our School Childcare/Breakfast Club! ☀️

8.00am until 8.30am every weekday

Is your child ready for a fun, healthy start to the day? St Day and Carharrack Primary School is excited to offer a **FREE trial space** for one child to join our Breakfast Club this **Summer Term!**

Our Childcare/Breakfast Club is a warm and welcoming environment where children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast, engage in fun activities, and start their day on a positive note. It's the perfect way to start the day calmly, improve focus, and build friendships before school begins!

What's on offer:

- Healthy breakfast options - including fresh fruit, cereals, toast, croissants and cheese
- Fun, engaging activities to calm and inspire
- A safe and supportive space to socialise with peers and make new friends

Limited spaces available – first come, first served!

To grab your free trial spot or for more details, contact the school office! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Hurry, spaces are filling up fast!

Let's make mornings better together at our Childcare/ Breakfast Club



Parent Partnerships - RRS Article 18

Every Child, Every Day a Writer...

1. As she approached the rustling bush...
2. The monster sat happily in her pocket, until...
3. She was surprised to find out...



Can you use these sentence starters to create your own paragraph about this image?



Parent Partnerships - RRS Article 18



**FRIENDS OF ST DAY AND CARHARRACK
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!**

We are a small team working hard behind the scenes to bring our children and parents events like the Easter Fayre and hot chocolate Fridays, but we'd love to do more!

We want regular school discos, a summer fayre, bingo nights and Christmas events. The more money raised, the more opportunities we unlock for our children.

If you would like to join Friends of St Day and Carharrack School, please pop into the office and put your name down to ensure you receive an invite to the next meeting.

Celebrating Attendance

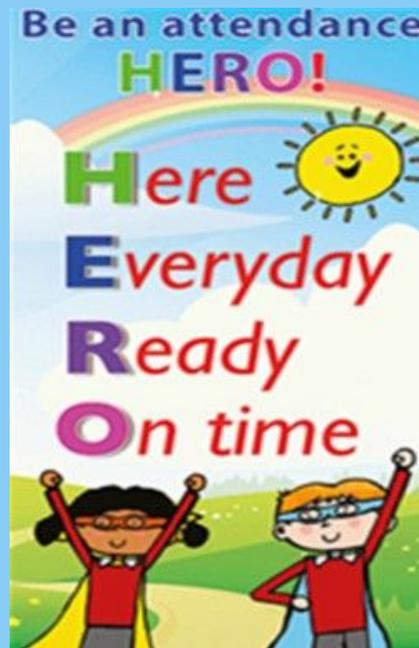
Be an attendance HERO - aim for 96% and above!

Thank you families - being on time supports your child to have a positive start to the day.

Gates are open from 8.30am.

Opal	90%
Amber	94%
Emerald	96%
Sapphire	96%
Turquoise	95%
Whole School	94%

A super well done to Emerald and Sapphire for achieving National expectations this week!



Please see the 'Penalty Notices' information leaflet - we have a duty to share this with you on a regular basis - paper copies are available in the office. Please take time to read the 'What is a Penalty Notice?' section as it clearly states the different reasons a penalty notice can be issued. We are proud of our attendance overall for this year - with our children telling us they want to be here. Thank you for all your support with attendance. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need support or wish to discuss any matters.



Attendance and Penalty Notice Information

How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/ 28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

If a Penalty Notice is not paid within the 28 days of issue (as per the dates listed on the Penalty Notice), Cornwall Council will progress the matter to the Magistrates' Court, for the offence of failing to ensure regular attendance, NOT for failure to pay the fine.

If found guilty:

- under section 444(1), it can result in the parent being fined up to £1000
- under section 444(1A), it can result in the parent being fined up to £2,500 and/or receiving a custodial sentence of up to 3 months

Cornwall Council may also apply for costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Contact us

Education Welfare Service, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

01872 324298

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

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Together
for Families

Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services
for parents and carers



www.cornwall.gov.uk/togetherforfamilies

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What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is a fine that can be issued under section 444A and section 444B of the Education Act 1996. The fine is issued per parent, per child for:

- Leave of absence of 10 school sessions/5 days or more within any rolling 10 school week* period during term time, without authorisation from the school. This can include unauthorised absence for a holiday.
- Unauthorised absence of 10 or more sessions/5 days within any rolling 10 school week* period where a parent fails to provide an explanation for the absence, or where an explanation is provided but the school consider it insufficient to authorise the absence.
- Unauthorised lateness of 10 school sessions within any rolling 10 school week* period, whereby a child arrives at school after the registers have closed.

NB a penalty notice can be issued for any combination of the above reasons where there are 10 sessions/5 school days or more of unauthorised absence within any rolling 10 school week period. The unauthorised absence can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms (including between academic years).

Or when

- A pupil is observed in a public place during school hours in the first five school days of a period of exclusion from school, without reasonable justification.

* a school week is any week in which a school meets at least once.

Who can be issued with a Penalty Notice?

Parents and carers of a child can be issued with a Penalty Notice. The definition of a 'parent' as set out in section 576 of the Education Act 1996: By virtue of this section 'parent' includes: all natural parents, whether they are married or not; any person or body who has parental responsibility for a child (as defined by the Children Act 1989) and any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child. Having care of a child means a person who lives with and looks after a child, irrespective of what their relationship is with said child.

How much is a Penalty Notice fine?

As of the 19th of August 2024, a penalty notice is £80 if paid within 21 days. If the fine is not paid in 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty notice is issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a three-year rolling period, Cornwall Council will need to consider other enforcement optional options available. This could include prosecution under section 444(1) or section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996. If found guilty a parent would receive a criminal record and substantial fine.

Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child.

Therefore, if there are two parents and two children, the fines will total £320 if paid within 21 days or £640 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days (or for a second offence).

Can a Penalty Notice be paid in instalments?

No. Penalty Notices must be paid in full, within the designated dates. However, if a parent has more than one child and is therefore issued with more than one fine, they can pay the fines separately if they wish.

Who is responsible for issuing Penalty Notices?

It is a Headteacher's decision whether or not to authorise an absence and, if their decision is not to authorise, they have the right to request a Penalty Notice in line with their attendance policy process. Cornwall Council's role is to check that the evidence submitted is compliant with Cornwall Council's Code of Conduct for Education Related Penalty Notices and, if so, to issue as appropriate.

Can a parent appeal a Penalty Notice?

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. If you believe that the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, you should make contact with the school or academy that your child attends at your very earliest convenience after receiving the Penalty Notice. If you wish to discuss the Penalty Notice procedure, you can contact Cornwall Council's Education Welfare Service on **01872 324298**, or email educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk

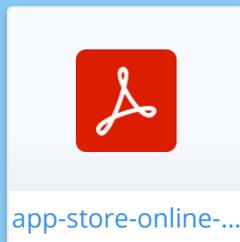
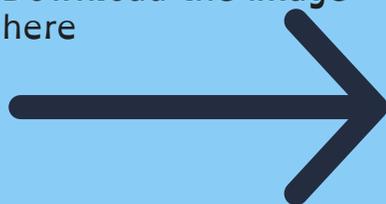
eSafety Updates

Apps (short for applications) are designed to run on certain devices and are written for a specific operating system, such as Apple iOS, Windows, or Android.

The official store for the Apple iOS operating system is known as the App Store or Google Play Store on android phones. Before your children use the app stores, you need to be aware of certain possible risks.

In the guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential threats such as inappropriate apps, overspending and fake reviews.

Download the image here



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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'Apps' are designed to run on certain devices and are written for a specific operating system, such as Apple iOS, Windows, or Android. The official store for the Apple iOS operating system is known as the 'App Store' and it's where you can browse and download more than 2 million apps and games to use on the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch and other Apple devices. When your children are using the app store, you need to be aware of the risks...

What parents need to know about THE APP STORE

IS YOUR CHILD 13+?
To download and buy apps from the App Store, your child will need an Apple ID. If they have used other Apple services, such as iCloud, they can sign into the App Store with the same Apple ID. If they are aged 13 and under, they cannot sign up for an Apple ID on their own, but an adult can create an Apple ID for a child.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Apps are either free, paid for or free with in-app purchases. In-app purchases are optional transactions that can unlock extra functionality, virtual goods or unique content. Unless you change the settings, once your child has entered a password to make an in-app purchase, they can make additional purchases for 15 minutes without re-entering a password. This makes it extremely easy for children to accidentally run up huge bills.

LOOKALIKE APPS
Some developers release apps that copy the functionality, user interface and even product names and branding of popular apps, in an attempt to trick unsuspecting users to install them. By downloading an app from an unknown developer, your child could find their device compromised. Experts warn that through app permissions, hackers can potentially take photos using the camera and access media remotely. track your child's location, record any passwords they enter for other accounts, and send text messages from phones.

INAPPROPRIATE APPS
Some apps and games have content that is unsuitable for younger children - even the most popular or innocuous looking apps may feature adult-themed content, violence or cruelty to other people or animals, unconsented chat, pornography or sexual content.

THIRD-PARTY APP STORES
Because the official Apple App Store has a very stringent policy about what apps it approves, children may look elsewhere for apps and games they've heard about from friends. As well as the Apple App Store for iOS, there are hundreds of other third party app stores, but the danger is they may not apply the same level of scrutiny toward the apps that are to be listed. There's a higher chance of apps that infect devices with malicious codes or put user privacy at risk by extracting sensitive information.

Top Tips for Parents

CREATE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT
You can create an Apple ID for a child under 13 and add them to your family group to keep an eye on their activity. Go to Settings > [your name] > Family Sharing > Add Family Member > Create a Child Account > Next. Enter your child's birthday and tap Next. Review the Parent Privacy Discussion and tap Agree. With Family Sharing, you can add up to six family members to share App Store purchases, as well as iTunes and Apple Books.

RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASES
You can restrict your child's ability to make in-app purchases. On an iOS device, open Settings, tap General and then Restrictions. Tap Enable Restrictions. You can set a limitation that requires a password every time there is a purchase made in the App Store or iTunes Store.

HOW TO KNOW AN APP IS SAFE TO INSTALL
Advise your child that just because they're downloading an app from an official store, it doesn't make it safe. Fake or trojan apps will often include misspelt words and poor graphics, so always read the app description, and double check the developer name and title for warning signs. Be wary of apps that come with a long list of permission requests. Check the app's reviews and ratings - one star or two reviews complaining that an app didn't work on a certain device, or that there was a billing issue, is not a good indication.

SPOT FAKE REVIEWS
When checking the customer reviews within the app store, make sure they aren't vague and generic, or overly effusive, as some developers will try to manipulate their app's position by posting fake ratings and reviews. Check the number of downloads the app claims to have - the higher the number, the more likely it is to be safe. Your child can also check the company's website to see if the app is on their website.

SWITCH ON 'ASK TO BUY'
If you have a child that is over 13 years of age and has their own Apple account, make sure that you only allow them to make purchases with gift cards. You can also activate the 'Ask to Buy' feature if you are using Family Sharing, so that whenever a family member who isn't an adult indicates a new purchase, a request goes to the account organizer. You can also limit what content your child can access on the devices they use.

BROWSE APPS BY AGE
To find apps and games that are right for your children, check the age ratings. On an iPhone or iPod Touch, this can be found in the information section on an app's product page, and on an iPad or desktop, the age rating is near the Buy button. On the Kids page, you can find apps for age ranges, including 5 and under, 6 to 8, and 9 to 11.

AVOID OTHER APP STORES
Put a rule in place that your child can only use the official App Store to download apps and games. Explain why it is safe to only install applications from a trusted source to ensure their device is not affected by security issues or virus attacks.

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Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding Concerns

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Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Laura Vallance
Safeguarding Governor	Sally Miners
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[Raise a concern about a child](#)

If you have immediate concerns or are worried about a child or young person's safety please know that anyone, anytime, can telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116.





School Office Reminders

Important Upcoming Dates

JUNE 2025

- 9th Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check all week
- 9th Clubs re-start
- 12th Yr 4/5 Camp overnight on school field
- 16th Assessment Week
- 23rd Adventure Learning Week - (NO CLUBS)
- 25th Year 6 Residential
- 26th Yr 2 School Sleepover in the school hall
- 27th RRS - Children's Conference - County Hall
- 30th FEAST DAY

JULY 2025

- 4th Sports Day and Family Picnic
- 7th Last week of clubs
- 8th Yr 6 Redruth School Transition Day
- 9th Yr 6 Redruth School Transition Day
- 16th Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and performance 1.45pm
- 18th Break up for Summer - 1.15pm
- No Afterschool Childcare
- 21st INSET DAY 3- SCHOOL CLOSED
- 22nd INSET DAY 4- SCHOOL CLOSED
- 23rd INSET DAY 5- SCHOOL CLOSED





Parent Partnerships - RRS Article 18

We need preloved toys for

FEAST DAY

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE HAVING A STALL AT FEAST DAY THIS YEAR, WHICH WILL INCLUDE GAMES, SCHOOL INFORMATION AND PRELOVED TOYS FOR SALE.

TO HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL, PLEASE COULD EACH CHILD BRING IN ONE GOOD QUALITY, PRELOVED TOY THAT THEY DON'T MIND PARTING WITH.

TOYS CAN BE HANDED TO THE OFFICE BETWEEN NOW AND FRIDAY 27TH JUNE. THANK YOU!





Wraparound Care

Child-Care Club

£3.50
per
session

Breakfast
Included

More information
on the school
website or from
the school office

From 8am
every day

Book on
ParentPay

Games
and
Crafts

From the end of
the school day
until 4.30pm /
5pm or 6pm

Healthy
Snack and
Drink
Included

Prices
start
from £5

Afterschool Wraparound Care





**Thank you
for taking the time to read or listen to our news.**

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

**Susannah Storey
and
The St Day and Carharrack Team**

